

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, ROUND 16
INVITATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING**

Pima Association of Governments today released the Round 16 invitation and pre-submittal form for the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program. As jurisdictional representative for this program, the City of Tucson, Department of Transportation serves as local administrator and coordinator for grant applications on behalf of the community.

The Transportation Enhancement Program was developed to enhance surface transportation activities through its funding of transportation related improvement projects. The program has 11 eligible categories for funding that include alternative mode enhancements, historic preservation elements, landscaping and other aesthetic improvement activities (please see attached instructions for detailed listing of 11 eligible categories and pre-submittal form).

Any individual, organization or neighborhood is eligible to apply for project funding.

Projects will be rated on their ability to meet the attached criteria, provide a regional benefit and procure jurisdictional sponsorship. Projects can fund improvements of up to \$500,000. If a project involves ADOT property, it is eligible for up to \$1.5 million in funding.

Pima Association of Governments has determined that a pre-application process is necessary due to the increasing popularity of the transportation enhancement program. To download a copy of the pre-application form and instructions go to the following link: [HTTP://PAGNET.ORG](http://PAGNET.ORG) or see page two of this sheet. **All applications need to be returned to Pima Association of Governments no later than 2:00pm, April 1, 2008.**

In early April, the pre-submittal forms will be evaluated for eligibility by the local Transportation Enhancement Task Force. Eligible projects will be forwarded to the appropriate jurisdiction for review and sponsorship. Assistance will be provided to the applicants to complete the 20-page transportation enhancement application. Please note, not all applications will be submitted to the state level review committee due to the limited available funds. The local review committee will prioritize the applications and send the top-ranking applications to the statewide review committee. The Statewide Transportation Enhancement Review Committee will review all submittals and fund the highest ranking applications that fall within the total state funding allotment for transportation enhancements.

Questions regarding transportation enhancements can be directed to Melissa Antol at 837-6693.

Thank you

PAG Region
Transportation Enhancement Round 16
Pre-submittal Form Instructions

Introduction:

The Transportation Enhancement (TE) program is funded through a 10 percent set-aside from federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. The annual funding cycle includes a regional project application process, with final review and recommendation of projects from the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This program was developed to enhance surface transportation activities by developing projects that go above and beyond what transportation departments typically do. This program has 11 eligible categories for funding that include alternative mode enhancements, historic preservation elements, landscaping and other beautification activities. All applications require a local government sponsor.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this program and the cost associated with developing application submittals, the region has determined that a pre-application process is necessary. PAG's Transportation Enhancement Task Force (TETF) will review this pre-submittal form and provide submitters with a "pass/fail" and general comments. A project that receives a "pass" on the pre-submittal is allowed to move forward through the application process. Not all applications submitted to the region will move forward to the TERC due to the total funding submittal cap set by the state.

Instructions:

This form is only the first step in a long process. The TETF will review this pre-submittal form and notify you if the project is eligible for TE funding and provide general comments about your proposed project. If the project is eligible, you may submit the formal 20 page application. Although the sponsoring jurisdiction may assist with the application, the applicant is expected to be active in the development of that application and in the securing of appropriate materials such as letters of support. If you have any questions on what would be expected of you or what sort of information is required for the full application, please feel free to contact your jurisdictional TE coordinator. If you need the jurisdictional TE coordinator's contact information please call John Liosatos at 792-1093 for assistance.

Please fill out the attached form and return it to PAG **no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday April 1, 2008**. Please limit your responses to one page. Deliver completed applications to the PAG office at 177 N Church #405 or fax to 620-6981 or e-mail to JLiosatos@pagnet.org.

Enhancement projects are eligible for funding under the following categories:

1. Provision Of Facilities For Pedestrians And Bicycles
2. Provision Of Safety And Educational Activities For Pedestrians And Bicyclists
3. Scenic Or Historic Highway Programs (Including The Provision Of Tourist And Welcome Center Facilities)
4. Landscaping And Other Scenic Beautification
5. Historic Preservation
6. Rehabilitation Of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, Or Facilities (Including Historic Railroad Facilities And Bridges)
7. Preservation Of Abandoned Railway Corridors (Including The Conversion And Use Thereof For Pedestrian Or Bicycle Trails)
8. Control And Removal Of Outdoor Advertising
9. Archaeological Planning And Research
10. Environmental Mitigation To Address Water Pollution Due To Highway Runoff Or Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality While Maintaining Habitat Connectivity
11. Establishment Of Transportation Museums

**PAG Region
Transportation Enhancement
Pre-submittal Form – Round 16**

Project Name:

Project Contact:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

TE Eligible funding categories (see instructions):

Project Location:

Would the project be located on private property?

Who owns the property and how will they be involved in the process?

Neighborhood association and area plan (if applicable):

Jurisdiction in which the project is located:

Project Description:

Project length (if applicable, i.e. ½ mile or 500 feet): _____

Project elements (check all that apply): Purchase of property____ Street lights____

Sidewalks____ Curbs ____ Bike lanes ____ Multi-use paths____ Art____

Bike racks____ Landscaping____ ADA enhancements ____ Other:

List the three (3) most important things about this project (i.e. why is it needed? who will use it?):

Please indicate the level of community involvement and support for development/planning of this project to date:

What is the regional significance of the project (how would this project benefit the greater Pima County region?):